

MENTOR MICHIGAN DIRECTORY

HILLSDALE COUNTY

This listing for Hillsdale County is organized first by programs that serve the entire county, and second by programs serving a specific city within this county. The cities are listed alphabetically.

COUNTY-WIDE

Hillsdale County United Way & Volunteers in Action

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Program Description:

Volunteer Centers recruit, train, and place volunteers in nonprofit organizations throughout their service area. They are inclusive, serving all nonprofits and residents—they do not limit their service to a particular issue, group of people, or type of activity. Michigan's Volunteer Centers are all prepared to assist mentors find organizations where they can volunteer. Volunteer Centers often take a leadership position in convening organizations and individuals to find solutions to complex community issues. They live their belief that people enrich their own lives and strengthen their communities through volunteer service.

COUNTY-WIDE CONTINUED

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Jackson County, Inc.

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Bigs in Schools and Project COPE

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Program Description:

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Jackson County has a variety of one-on-one mentoring programs for elementary, middle, and high school students. The Community Based Mentoring Program supports children from single-parent homes or children who live with foster families, other relatives, or a guardian. Project COPE (Children of Prisoners Excel) serves children whose fathers are incarcerated. School-based programs pair mentors and mentees who meet once a week during or after school hours. Project COPE and school-based programs often reach high risk children from dysfunctional or isolated families in particular need of additional adult support. All programs provide individualized mentoring plans and are successful in building the positive assets children possess, improving self-esteem, enhancing attitude toward school, and increasing decision-making ability.

Volunteers are trained and screened by professionals at BBBS. Volunteers are expected to make a one year commitment, which involves one to four hours per week during morning, afternoon, evening, or weekend hours.

ExperienceSeniorPower.com

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Program Description:

Through ExperienceSeniorPower.com, children and senior citizens learn computer and job skills together. Children receive an adult role model through these "adoptive grandparent" relationships and seniors have the opportunity to contribute their life experience and knowledge. This program includes one-on-one, group, team, and e-mentoring activities. Senior volunteers are expected to make a one year commitment during morning, afternoon, or weekend hours.

COUNTY-WIDE CONTINUED

Michigan Youth Leadership Forum

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Program Description:

The Michigan Youth Leadership Forum involves 35 high school students that have disabilities. The students are integrated with other students and adults with disabilities to learn leadership, social skills, and citizenship. The program involves one-on-one, team, and peer mentoring and takes place during one week during the summer. The program is managed by the Michigan Commission on Disability Concerns. Volunteers are expected to commit to one full week in the summer and follow up activities.

CAA Family Outreach Program

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Program Description:

The CAA Family Outreach Program matches mentors with children ages seven to 14 who are referred from FIA. These children are generally from single parent households or two parent families experiencing some difficulties with their children. A mentor is a positive role model who forms a one-on-one relationship with a child and provides recreational and social experiences, helps with homework, and encourages good school performance. Mentors are also friends who listen and give thoughtful caring advice and assistance. Volunteer mentors are involved with the children for six months and longer if a specific need is identified. They typically spend one hour per week during day, evening, or weekend hours.

COUNTY-WIDE CONTINUED

Williams Elementary School - Buddy Reading

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Program Description:

Buddy Reading partners adult volunteers with second and third graders who have below grade-level reading skills. The student and mentor read together, work with vocabulary words, and do story maps on books that were read. A program coordinator provides support by preparing lesson plans and being in the room during the mentoring. Volunteer mentors are expected to make a minimum of a three month commitment, but hopefully can mentor throughout the school year. Mentors give 30 minutes per week, but may choose to do more. The Buddy Reading runs Monday through Thursday from October to May.

CAMDEN

Camden-Frontier Schools

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Peer Mentoring

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Program Description:

The Camden-Frontier Schools Peer Mentoring program has high school students mentoring elementary school students. The mentors help their mentees with difficult homework and interact with them to improve social and organizational skills. Mentors also discuss other issues that are important to their mentees. The high school students serve as role models and take an interest in their mentee for the entire school year, sometimes longer. The high school students meet with their mentees four to five hours per week.